

BACKGROUND - REACTION TO USSR SHIFT

A. Western Europe:

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B. ITALY: Scelba thinks USSR crisis is "good news" and throws further confusion into Communist councils abroad. He has instructed his press chief to comment along line "USSR has chosen guns, not butter".

C. FRANCE: Foreign Ministry spokesman: change is "internal affair". Those politicians who have favored talks with USSR before ratification of Accords claim that switch makes talks more urgent: politicians opposed to such talks still

II. Elsewhere:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA: Chou (as Peiping premier) has
sent "greetings" to new Soviet premier

Bulganin: rest is silence. Two or three-day
delay in comment on major international

25X1X6developments is standard Peiping practice.

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